

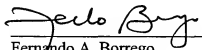
REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request examination of the present application as amended herein. Claims 1-5, 11 and 12 have been amended. Claims 13 and 14 have been canceled. Upon entry of the above preliminary amendment, claims 1-12 remain pending in the application.

A marked-up version of the amended claims is attached hereto in Appendix A. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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Appendix A

1. (amended) A process for preparing polyether polyols [by] comprising catalytic addition reacting [of] ethylene oxide and propylene oxide onto H-functional initiator substances[, wherein] in the presence of at least one multimetal cyanide compound [is used] as catalyst [and] , wherein a block of an alkylene oxide having at least three carbon atoms [in the molecule] is added on at the end of the chain.
2. (amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the block of an alkylene oxide having at least three carbon atoms makes up from 2 to 50% by weight of the total mass of the polyether alcohol.
3. (amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the block of an alkylene oxide having at least three carbon atoms [in the molecule] makes up from 2 to 20% by weight of the total mass of the polyether alcohol.
4. (amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the block of an alkylene oxide having at least three carbon atoms [in the molecule] makes up from 5 to 15% by weight of the total mass of the polyether alcohol.
5. (amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the alkylene oxide having at least three carbon atoms [in the molecule] is propylene oxide.
11. (amended) A polyether alcohol which [can be] is prepared in accordance with the process as claimed in any of claims 1 to 10.
12. (amended). A process for producing polyurethanes by reacting polyisocyanates with compounds containing at least two hydrogen atoms which are reactive toward isocyanate groups, wherein the compounds containing at least two hydrogen atoms which are reactive toward isocyanate groups comprise at least one polyether alcohol as claimed in claim [11] 1.